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In re Appln. of: Jay A. Dittman, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/823,176

Filed: April 13, 2004

For: LARGE DIAMETER DELIVERY
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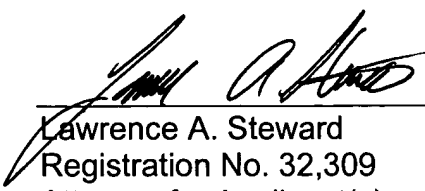
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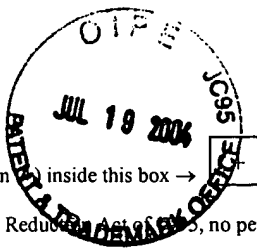


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